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1. An acute shortage of raw materials, particularly for the processing industries such as engineering, has forced the State Planning Office to revise the Five-Year Plan for this industry. In some cases the original plans have had to be reduced by 50%.
2. According to the Plan for the year 1951, steel sheet production was to amount to 603,000 tons. In view of the present shortage of steel sheet, this industry has been ordered to raise production by 50,000 tons for 1951.
3. Present stocks of scrap iron amount to 170,000 tons, which is far below requirements. In 1951 9,000 tons of manganese were required. The Russians stated that they could not supply more than 2,000 tons.
4. The shortage of ferrosilicon is hampering the production of armored plate.

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